

Increase Chinese Students Enrollment in a Community College Program

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More and more Chinese students are coming to school to study in the U.S.A. every year. A few years ago, there were 10 million students in China who took the college entrance examination, and China's universities could only accommodate 5.7 million Chinese students despite the fact that there are more community colleges or private colleges established in China. This statistic has not changed substantially since. With the rising strength of the Chinese economy, it's a natural solution for Chinese students to come to America for a collegiate education, where there are ample slots for additional students. City University of New York (CUNY) is nation's leading urban public university serving more than 480000 students at 23 colleges and institutions in all five New York City boroughs. As a community college of CUNY located in the most desired city in the United States for Chinese students, what can we do to attract students from China? The Port of Entry (POE) program at Queensborough Community College is the best solution. POE is a unique intensive language development program designed to provide international students and new immigrants with the language skills, knowledge, and experience necessary to succeed in higher education and professional careers in the United States. This especially works well for Chinese students who need help with both their academic and English skills. This in the end would help us to keep programs which otherwise would be difficult to run without having enough local students.